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SUBJECT: ENERGY: VISIT OF ARAB OIL MINISTERS TO ITALY, JAN 10-12

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1. FOLLOWING BRITISH INITIATIVE IN REPORTING TO HLG PERMDELS  
ON VISIT OF ARAB OIL MINISTERS TO LONDON, ITALIAN DEL HAS  
CIRCULATED TO SAME GROUP FOLLOWING REPORT ON JANUARY 10-12  
VISIT TO ROME BY MESSRS. YAMANI AND ABDESSALAM.

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BEGIN TEXT:

1. THE TWO ARABIAN MINISTERS, DURING THEIR VISIT IN ROME, HAD MEETINGS WITH MR. MARIANO RUMOR, PRIME MINISTER, MR. MORO, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, MR. GIOLITTI, MINISTER OF THE BUDGET AND ECONOMIC PLANNING, MR. GULLOTTI, MINISTER FOR STATE SUBSIDIZED CONCERN AND MR. DE MITA, MINISTER OF INDUSTRY.

DURING SUCH CONVERSATIONS, THE PROSPECTS OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION BETWEEN ITALY AND THE ARAB COUNTRIES WERE REVIEWED. HOWEVER, PARTICULARLY IN THE TALKS WITH MR. MORO, THE STRESS WAS LAID ON CERTAIN ESSENTIALLY POLITICAL ISSUES, RELATED TO THE POSITION OF EEC COUNTRIES - AND ESPECIALLY OF ITALY - AS REGARDS THE MIDDLE EAST CRISIS.

2. IN THE MEETING WITH MR. MORO, HIS TWO ARAB INTER-LOCUTORS STATED THAT THE OPEC COUNTRIES' DECISION TO REDUCE OIL PRODUCTION HAD BEEN MOTIVATED BY THE NEED TO ADOPT A WIDE-REACHING POLITICAL INITIATIVE, SUCH AS TO EXERT A STRONG IMPACT ON INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC OPINION. IN FACT, THE ARAB COUNTRIES COMPLAINED ABOUT THE DISINTERESTEDNESS WHICH - THEY - FELT - WORLD PUBLIC OPINION HAD BEEN SHOWING ABOUT THE SITUATION.

3. THE ARAB MINISTERS, ALTHOUGH DENYING THE EXISTENCE OF CATEGORIES FOR THIRD COUNTRIES (FRIENDLY, NEUTRAL OR HOSTILE TO THE ARAB CAUSE) ADMITTED THAT THE ARAB COUNTRIES INTENDED FOLLOWING, IN THE FIELD OF OIL SUPPLIES, A DIFFERENTIATED POLICY, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE DIFFERENT POSITIONS TAKEN BY EACH COUNTRY VIS A VIS THE ARAB-ISRAELIAN CONFLICT.

THE ITALIAN MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS STRESSED PARTICULARLY THE EEC ATTITUDE, AS SHOWN BY THE JOINT DECLARATION OF NOVEMBER 6TH, 1973, WHICH CONSTITUTES A EUROPEAN STANDTAKING - CERTAINLY FAVOURED AND WELCOMED BY ITALY - AND WHOSE APPROACH IS FAVOURABLE TO THE ARAB THESES, AS PROVED BY THE NEGATIVE REACTIONS IT CALLED FORTH IN ISRAEL.

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4. THE TWO ARAB MINISTERS WANTED ALSO TO TACKLE THE WELL-KNOWN QUESTION OF THE INTERPRETATION TO GIVE TO THE UN RESOLUTION N242, EXPRESSING THE WISH THAT THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT MIGHT MAKE IT PUBLICLY KNOWN THAT, ACCORDING TO THEIR INTERPRETATION, THE RESOLUTION REQUESTS ISRAEL TO WITHDRAW FROM ALL THE TERRITORIES OCCUPIED IN 1967. ON THE SUBJECT, MINISTER MORO REPLIED THAT NO OTHER SIGNIFICANCE COULD BE GIVEN TO THE EEC DECLARATION OF NOVEMBER 6TH WHICH,

BY EXPRESSING THE UNANIMOUS DECISION OF EEC COUNTRIES,  
OBVIOUSLY REFLECTS THE ITALIAN POSITION. END TEXT.  
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